

ABSTRACT

A vending machine provides a warning indication that insufficient change may be available if the total amount of available change is less than 5 the value of the highest-denomination monetary unit which is not refundable. An insufficient change indication is also provided in response to inserting a coin or instructing a vending operation which would result in the amount of refundable change being less than the correct amount by a value which is greater than a predetermined, alterable overpay amount.

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FIG. 4